

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 16
By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor State Finance and Administration
Commissioner Bob Corker for his meritorious
service to Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this body should honor those inimitable public servants who during their tenure in office have performed their appointed duties with remarkable dexterity and unprecedented commitment, and whose professionalism and competence will serve as a benchmark for future public officials; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration Commissioner Bob Corker is one such distinguished public servant who has given unselfishly of himself, his time and remarkable talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, beginning his meritorious service in 1994 as a member of Governor Sundquist's administration, Bob Corker has distinguished himself as a highly respected leader and an effective public servant; his decision to reenter private business leaves a void in state government that will not easily be filled; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Commissioner Corker founded several successful companies, including Bencor Corporation, a commercial general contractor corporation; and the Corker Group, which develops and owns commercial real estate; and

WHEREAS, Bob Corker later turned his attention to inner-city housing by helping launch the much touted Chattanooga Neighborhood Enterprise Program, helping 2,100 low income families buy their own homes; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Corker played an integral role in working to get the TennCare system computerized and designed a new segment of the \$3.4 billion TennCare program to cover mental health and mental retardation services; and

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in designing and promoting the state's portion of the deal to land the Houston Oilers and in negotiating budget conflicts with legislative members; and

WHEREAS, serving the good people of Tennessee with the utmost integrity and probity, Mr. Corker has distinguished himself on numerous boards and commissions and is widely respected by his peers in state government; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Corker will be long remembered as an advocate and crusader for good, responsive government and the concerns of working people; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure Bob Corker has been a prominent figure on Capitol Hill; he is a gentleman whose talent and energy will seldom be equaled and, without question, he will be greatly missed; and

WHEREAS, it is now highly appropriate that the friends and colleagues of this outstanding public servant should honor him and recognize his numerous accomplishments and contributions to our great state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Bob Corker for his immeasurable service to Tennessee, and we honor him for his distinguished service as commissioner of the Department of Finance and Administration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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